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## Meet Your New Brother: Shadrach



Our Savior said: "there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth..." (Luke 15:7). Therefore, here in Iringa, Tanzania we are rejoicing on earth while there is also joy in heaven. Shadrach was immersed into Christ on May 22!

Allow me to share with you this wonderful unfolding of God's providential working. There is a Shepherd in one of the congregations in Dar Es Salaam who has been writing articles for the newspaper. His articles challenge the readers to look into the Scriptures and contrast its

teachings with the teaching of men. A young man living here in Iringa read at least one article that peaked his interest.

Meanwhile, the Samfords, Jensens, and Charles Mwakalonge were making plans to relocate to the same town, nearly 1,000 kilometers away. From contact information provided in the paper, this same individual requested more information from the author of the articles. Since Charles spent time in Dar Es Salaam he was acquainted with this Elder. Knowing that Charles was now in Iringa, the Shepherd gave Charles the contact information for Shadrach. Charles began to have personal Bible studies with this man. (continued on page 2)



**SATURDAY CLASSES** After much preparation, the month of May saw the beginning of Saturday classes. There are classes offered in two locations - one on Saturday mornings at a school near our home, and the other is offered Saturday afternoons at the church building. The classes are on the same subject, this first one being Old Testament Survey. Hundreds of fliers have been distributed to advertise these ongoing classes and interest is slowly picking up. So far there has been one personal Bible study arranged as a result of these classes. Please pray that these classes will help us find good and honest hearts that are thirsty to learn the Word of God.

## Meet Your New Brother...continued

Over the course of several weeks, Shadrach was showing signs of genuine interest. When the denominational world was observing "Easter" he chose to attend worship with the Lord's people, rather than to attend where he had been worshipping. Here in Tanzania, Easter is a special celebration among denominationalists. His choice spoke loudly to the convictions building in his heart.

On May 22nd Shadrach was in worship with us again, and returned home with us, so that he could continue to study with Charles, who lives nearby. When the sun was nearly set, I received the call that he was ready to obey God's command of baptism for remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 10:48; 22:16). Joy snatched up some towels, I readied my camera, and we all piled into the Land Cruiser. We picked up Carey, Charles, and Shadrach and drove down to the Little Ruaha River. We parked and began to walk along the dirt paths, through the cornfields, toward the river's edge. What a wonderful feeling to be nearing the brink, with the last light fading, anticipating a spiritual transformation!

As we stood in the sand, we listened to the good confession, and watched as Shadrach was buried in water (Romans 6:4). Actually, I was trying to view it through the viewfinder of my camera, so as to capture the moment, to share with our wonderful supporters. By this time it was very dark and we made our way back by flashlight to where the vehicle had been left - singing a couple of Swahili songs as we picked our way along the pathway. Friends, the feeling of joy, the night air, the night sky . . . all this is hard to convey in words! I pondered the verse from 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new."

I marvel at how God can work "behind the scenes" to keep His promises. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7). It is humbling to think we are tools in God's hands! How undeserving we are.

*George Jensen 2011*



## Journey with Joy... Missionary, Mid-Mom, What's Next?

It is certainly true that when one enters the mission field, you've got to be ready and willing to face a wide variety of situations. Such a situation is rapidly approaching for Lindsey and me.

Bonnie, a fellow missionary, is due to deliver their fourth child some time around the end of June/beginning of July. I will be delivering her baby and Lindsey will play the part of doula. As you can imagine, this is a great responsibility and I feel the weight of it upon my shoulders. Lindsey and I have been studying a lot in order to prepare for the big event. We've also been visiting Bonnie once or twice a week in order to take her blood pressure, listen to the heartbeat, and discuss various things related to the delivery. Our kids have started calling me "Mid-Mom". Bonnie's time is rapidly approaching, so your prayers would be greatly appreciated for all concerned.

George and I have been long overdue to spend a

little time together, alone. We realized that even when we went on furlough we didn't so much as go out to dinner alone, and so we felt that it was time. We were able to take a couple of days and nights and leave behind some of the daily stresses in our lives. No, I'm not referring to our kids! Our trip was not without some excitement. During the night hippos came to graze near our hut. The second night we had some elephants come calling. It did cause a little adrenaline rush to be awakened by elephants breathing and chewing tree leaves, with those sounds coming from just on the other side of the screened windows! We had a very relaxing and wonderful time together.

George preached the last two Sundays of May for the congregation here. His first lesson was on the topic of Responsibilities of Husbands and Wives, and the second lesson pertained to Parental Responsibilities. He did a wonderful job and everyone was very attentive. We are continually reminded that family challenges are basically the same, worldwide. God, in His wisdom, has provided instruction through His word, applicable to all people, during all ages. ~Joy~